65. "30-Public Works-Mechanical Engineering-Extension of water services connection to the Advocate General's room" by transfer from "B1-48/21"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I rise to move for a token amount of Re. 1 under "30-Public works-Mechanical Engineering Extension of water services connection to the Advocate General's room" by transfer from "B1-48/21."

Great difficulty was experienced by the Advocate General's Office for want of water service connection. The water service connection to the High Court was therefore, extended to the Advocate General's room. The cost of the work comes to Rs. 111. This is a non-budgetted item of work and therefore the expenditure of Rs. 111 is proposed to be transferred from B. I. 48/21 "Mechanical Engineering" I request the house to grant the amount.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* How is it a token demand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Because it is a transfer of Budget item 48/21.

Motion put and carried

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—OFFICIAL BILLS

1. The Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E., *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I rise to move that the Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed into law.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

2. The Cochin Village Courts Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I rise to move that the Cochin Village Courts Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed into law.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

3. The Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E., *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I rise to move that the Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed into law.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

4. The Cochin Vehicles Taxation Bill

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move that the Cochin Vehicles Taxation Bill be taken up and finally passed into law.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* If you are taking the same rates as in Travancore what is the taxation of our vehicles here. Travancore rates are greater than Cochin.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is based on the Travancore rates. In this case we may have to make reciprocal arrangements and it is absolutely necessary that the rates should, as far as possible, be the same as in Travancore. It is also necessary that the income from this source should approximate to the income received by way of toll fees.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Do the Government realise that Travancore is 5 times greater than our area?

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